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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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ENZYME ACTIVITY AND ASSAYING BIOCHEMICAL PROCESSES

MS: Appeal Brief Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are three copies of the Appeal Brief in the above-identified application.

- \boxtimes Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$330 for payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.
- \boxtimes Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPEAL BRIEF PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The period for filing a Brief on Appeal has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 18, 2004. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1480 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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